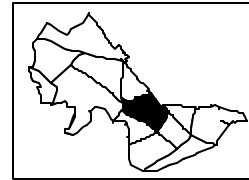


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,285 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, 6C, and Harvard 15

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	7	11	23	26	12
Street Robbery	1	6	4	2	4
Auto Theft	4	9	9	4	8
Larceny from MVs	23	16	36	29	12
Malicious Destruction	16	16	17	18	14
Drug Arrests	6	5	4	0	2

2003 FIRST QUARTER IN REVIEW

Street robbery doubled in 2003 from the 2 reported incidents in the first three months of 2002. Use of a weapon was reported in only two of the incidents, the most serious being the use of a gun in the execution of a carjacking by two masked individuals. Two of the reported robberies were strong-armed thefts, in which the victim was simply knocked down by the perpetrators. The last offense was committed by two high school bullies, known to the victim, who brandished a pocketknife as they demanded money from the victim and his friends. After a strong decline in **auto thefts** last year, during the first quarter, auto thefts doubled in Mid-Cambridge in these first three months. The majority of incidents took place in January. The only repeat locations in Mid-Cambridge were 2 incidents on the 300 block of Broadway, and two on Trowbridge. The two **drug arrests** involved the possession of marijuana, while being arrested for other crimes. One was a result of a motor vehicle stop, while the other was of two non-resident youths trespassing on school grounds. The fifty-four percent decrease in **housebreaks** can be attributed to the fact that last year's numbers reflected an unusual surge in burglaries from residences throughout the city. During these three months there were two episodes of multiple hits in an apartment building, both of which took place on Thursdays during the daytime. During the month of February there were only two housebreaks. Entry for **larceny from motor vehicle** was most commonly accomplished by forcing door locks or by unknown means. This crime had the highest decrease when compared to last year's incidents. The larcenies typically took place during nighttime on Thursdays or early in the week. The 200 to 300 blocks of Harvard Street were the areas of repeat location. Hondas were the most commonly targeted car make. Two of the **malicious destruction of property** incidents were attempted auto thefts. There

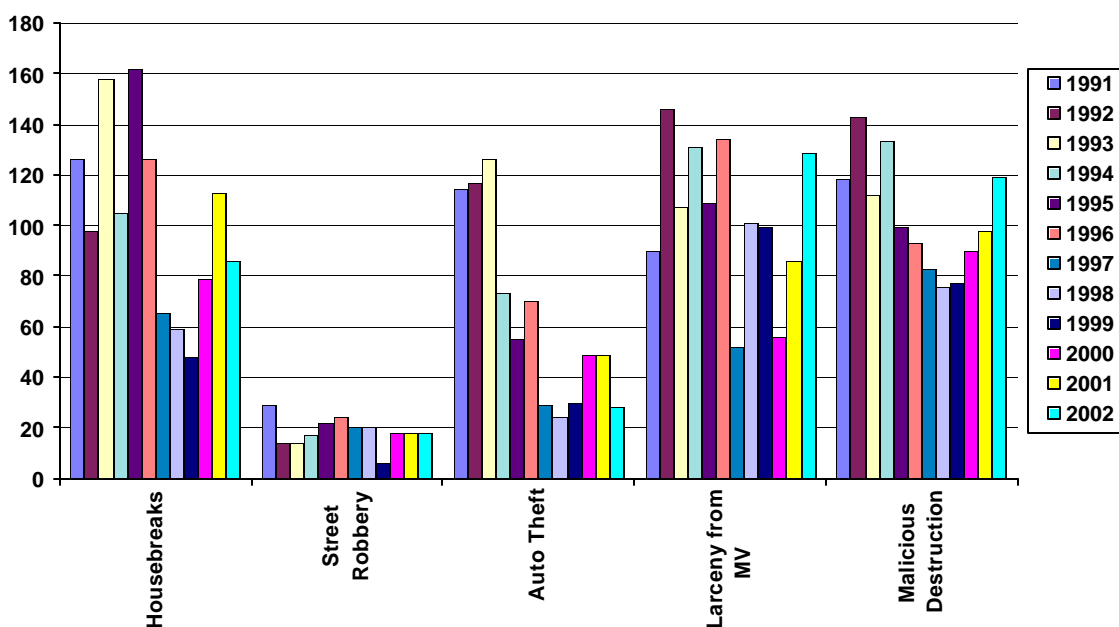
were only two reported incidents of graffiti, most of the incidents involved various forms of damage to cars, including tire slashings and keying, but mostly body damage.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. In 1992, burglaries fell below 100 for the first and only time in the previous 30 years. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.
- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.
- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	226	1	103	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	18	5	3
Auto Theft	147	4	70	3	8
Larceny from MVs	198	1	106	2	1
Malicious Destruction	149	1	106	5	3

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest